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RIVERSIDE – San Bernardino County 5th District Supervisor Josie Gonzales this week received the 2007 Government Partnership Award from The Resource Center for Nonprofit Management and Agency Executives Association.

The Inland Empire-based organizations selected Supervisor Gonzales for offering expanded resources to San Bernardino County nonprofit groups and the City of San Bernardino in its fight against crime.

Supervisor Gonzales received the award during the Tuesday luncheon of 10th Annual Celebrating Nonprofits Day Conference at the Riverside Marriott.

“Supervisor Gonzales has done so much to ensure that all residents of her district have access to government through partnerships, information sharing and the proactive leveraging of resources to assist small mom and pop businesses and agencies to reach their greatest potential,” said Kim Carter, executive director of Time For Change Foundation.

“Her vision for the residents is one of opportunity, accountability and cohesiveness. She doesn't believe in re-inventing the wheel, but rather making the smaller wheels bigger to produce greater outcomes. I truly feel that she deserves recognition for being an outstanding government official who is not easily swayed by the pretty bows on the package, but recognizes the true gifts of humanity.”

Mrs. Carter and Kent Paxton, San Bernardino County Children's Network officer, nominated Supervisor Gonzales for the award.

Supervisor Gonzales arranged for Mr. Paxton to be loaned part-time to the City of San Bernardino to help Mayor Patrick Morris start his Operation Phoenix anti-crime program. She was also instrumental in the assignment of Sheriff's deputies to the city in 2006 to assist with increased law enforcement patrols in the city's high-crime neighborhoods.

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In June 2005, Supervisor Gonzales convinced the Board of Supervisors and county administrators to create a new office to provide grant assistance to county departments and community-based organizations. A county grants coordinator was hired in January 2006.

Grants Coordinator Briana Lane has helped Supervisor Gonzales offer two grant-writing workshops for nonprofits – one in partnership with The Resource Center.

The county also in 2006 gave community groups, faith-based organizations, and county departments access to an on-line, web-based grant research database, allowing them to access federal, state and private funding opportunities.

The Board of Supervisors in June approved a contract with eCivis to provide countywide access to an extensive collection of grant resources. The contract expands access beyond county departments to community and faith-based organizations, free of charge, allowing users to compete for these dollars on a more equal footing.

The on-line database was made available in more than 30 county libraries. The service is also available at county business resource centers in Rancho Cucamonga and Hesperia.

The Resource Center and Agency Executives Association also bestowed awards on:

- Inland Empire Health Plan (Community Partnership Award)
- Arrowhead Credit Union (Business Partnership Award)
- Victoria Jackson of Coalition for Common Ground (Spirit of Nonprofit Award)
- Dennis Mattson, Ph.D., of the Carolyn E. Wylie Center (Outstanding Nonprofit Board Member Award)
- Christy Porter of Hidden Harvest (Outstanding Nonprofit Executive Award)
- Quail Valley Healthy Communities Project LIFT (Outstanding Nonprofit Organization Award)

The 5th District includes the unincorporated areas of Bloomington, Muscoy and Arrowhead Farms, the city of Rialto, major portions of the cities of Colton and San Bernardino, and a segment of the city of Fontana.

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